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SUBJ: GRAIN NEEDS IN MALI PRIOR 1974 HARVEST

1. FOLLOWING KEYED TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL:

A. IN-COUNTRY GRAIN AVAILABLE FOR USE UNTIL 1974
HARVEST.

1973 HARVEST (CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE) 617,000 .5

RESIDUAL OPAM STOCKS 30,000 .5

1973 DONOR GRAIN STILL IN PIPELINE

(GOM ESTIMATE) 62,000 MT

SUBTOTAL 709,000 MT

ANTICIPATED GOM GRAIN PURCHASES

(1) DONAR SUBSIDIZED 60,000 MT

(2) FREE MARKET 30,000 MT

GRAND TOTAL 799,000 MT

B. MONTHLY GRAIN REQUIREMENT 84,350 MT

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C. WORLD FOOD PROGRAM - SORGHUM 30,000 MT

WEST GERMANY-WHEAT FLOUR 6,600 MT

EXPECT OTHER 1973 DONARS WILL ALSO BE ASKED FOR
CONTINUED ASSISTANCE.

D. 1972-73 HARVEST WAS 470,000 MT. 1973-74 HARVEST
OF AT LEAST 617,000 MT IS MARKED IMPROVEMENT,
HOWEVER, IT STILL FALLS SHORT OF BASIC NEEDS.
LIKE 1972-73, THE 1973-44 HARVEST IN MOST
AFFECTED DROUGHT AREAS, ESPECIALLY VI REGION
WILL BE A DISASTER. MAIN PROBLEM AGAIN WILL BE
DISTRIBUTION TO THESE AREAS WHICH ONLY HAVE 4-5 MONTHS
OF GRAIN STOCKPILED.

E. FARMERS PROBABLY WILL HOARD MORE GRAIN THIS YEAR.
RESULT WILL BE LESS GRAIN COMMERCIALIZATION BY
OPAM AND THEREFORE GREATER DEPENDENCE OF SEVERELY
STRICKEN DROUGHT AREAS AND URBAN CENTERS ON
DONOR ASSISTANCE.

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